



## APPLICATION

### FOR UNITED STATES NON-PROVISIONAL UTILITY PATENT

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TITLE: REVERSIBLE WINDOW SHUTTER FOR A DWELLING OR  
COMMERCIAL BUILDING WITH WINDOWS

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### SPECIFICATION

#### 20 TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

BE IT KNOWN THAT I, Richard J. Rude, a citizen of the United States of America, has  
invented a new and useful improvement to existing window shutters for dwellings, which for the  
sake of this application will be known as a "reversible shutter for dwellings or commercial  
25 buildings with windows" as described in this specification.

#### BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION:

The present invention relates to a reversible window shutter for a dwelling or commercial  
structure with windows. The reversible shutter has particular utility in connection with variable  
30 appearances of a dwelling or commercial building, which allows contractors, homeowners, and  
property managers to reverse the shutter and change the outward appearance of the structure. For  
example, one side of the shutter may be louvered while the other side may be paneled. A change  
in appearance might be dictated by mold invasion, staining, or damage to the exposed side of a  
shutter. This invention is for both functional working and astetic only non-working window  
35 shutters.

The new design also has particular benefits on the retail side, by enabling building supply  
outlets to inventory 50% less product, while offering the same number of choices to customers.

This reduction in inventory also leads to better inventory management and significant cost savings.

#### **DESCRIPTION OF THE PRIOR ART:**

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There is no known prior art for this type of use or application.

#### **SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION:**

10           In view of the foregoing disadvantages inherent with the known types of dwelling shutters now on the market, the present invention provides a flexible design that enables contractors, homeowners and property managers to change the appearance of the dwelling without having to purchase a new set of window shutters. Building materials and supply firms also benefit by having to carry 50% less product, but with the same number of product choices.

15           As such, the general purpose of the present invention, which will be described subsequently in greater detail, is to provide a new and improved window shutter for dwellings.

          To attain this, the present invention essentially comprises two useable sides, which when applied to a dwelling or commercial building, can change its appearance. It is therefore an object of the present invention to provide a new and improved window shutter design for dwellings that  
20 has clear advantages over prior art designs, primarily flexibility for the user in choosing a side, and reduced inventory for retailers.

          These together with other objects of the invention, along with the various features of novelty that characterize the invention, are pointed out with particularity in the claims annexed to and forming a part of this disclosure. For a better understanding of the invention, its operating  
25 advantages and the specific objects attained by its uses, reference should be had to the accompanying drawings and descriptive matter in which there are illustrated preferred embodiments of the invention.